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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

1. SUITABLE NOMINEES FROM PHNOM PENH TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE ARE LIMITED TO DCM ENDERS AND POL- MIL COUNSELOR PAUL GARDNER.

2. BECAUSE OF OUR HEAVY WORKLOAD AND THE GENERAL CRITICALITY AND UNPREDICABILITY OF OUR SITUATION, I MUST RETAIN ENDERS AT POST.

3. GARDNER IS DUE VISITATION TRAVEL IN AUSTRALIA MAY 13 TO JUNE 4. THESE DATES CANNOT BE ALTERED SINCE HIS WIFE WILL BE HOSPITALIZED IN THAT TIME FRAME. IF YOU ATTRIBUTE EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE TO HAVING REPRESENTATION FROM PHNOM PENH, I CAN RELEASE HIM MAY 4 IN TIME TO MAKE CONNECTIONS IN BANGKOK AND ATTEND THE MEETING IN HONOLULU ENROUTE TO AUSTRALIA. MY PERSONAL PREFERENCE, GIVEN OUR WORKLOAD AND SITUATION, IS TO RETAIN HIM HERE WHERE HE IS BADLY NEEDED UNTIL HE MUST LEAVE ON
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VISITATION TRAVEL.

4. SINCE THERE IS NO SEPARATE CAMBODIAN ITEM ON THE AGENDA, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT SAIGON' S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CONFERENCE, WHO WILL ADDRESS PROSPECTS IN INDO- CHINA (ITEM C), COULD SPEAK TO THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA AS WELL. IF EMBASSY SAIGON CONCURS, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE THEIR CONFEREES VISIT PHNOM PENH FOR BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE SITUATION BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR HONOLULU.

5. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 4 S ACCEPTABLE.
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